GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6968
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DESTRUCTION OF COCONUT CROP IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new type of pest has totally destroyed the coconut crop in the coastal areas of Orissa;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any team of Agricultural Scientists have been sent there to control the disease; and

(e) if so, the details indicating the steps being taken by the Government to provide compensation to the coconut growers for the loss of their crop and to control the disease?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Survey was conducted to study the extent of damage caused by the coconut mite in the coastal districts of Orissa where incidence was found to be between the range of 20-30%.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Based on the research findings, control measures have been recommended to the farmers. An amount of Rs.16.00 lakhs has been provided by the Coconut Development Board for the control of mite in Orissa for 2001-2002.